

CLEVELAND WON INITIAL GAME

New York, Oct. 5.—The Cleveland American League club decisively defeated the Brooklyn Nationals by the score of 3 to 1 in the initial game of the 1920 world series here this afternoon.

The victory, which was for more impressive than the score indicates, was won by perfect team play, sparkling with brilliant individual work on the part of the Indians, which made the efforts of the Superbas dull by comparison.

The opening contest was witnessed by a throng of baseball fans which tested but did not break over the normal precincts of the Ebbets field. According to the official figures of the national commission 51,771 persons paid admission to the Brooklyn park, while at least another thousand can be added, when the newspapermen and other semi-official representatives are included.

The gate receipts were announced as \$75,048. In both attendance and gate receipts these figures surpass the best individual game record made at Brooklyn in the series of 1916.

The game was played under conditions far from being ideal for baseball. A stiff north wind blew out of a cold gray sky and the temperature was reminiscent of the Superbas dull by comparison.

cent of football rather than America's great summer sport. So cold did it grow as the contest developed, that the frigid atmosphere appeared to chill the enthusiasm of the spectators and Cleveland checked each effort of the Brooklyn players to become a real factor in the battle the cheering and rooting faded away until only occasional bursts of applause rewarded outstanding plays.

The high wind also played havoc with the fielding of fly balls, of which there were an unusual number. The gate carried the falling sphere in weird spirals which caused the waiting fielders to crouch about under the ball like a retriever locating a wounded bird. It was this inability to judge the direction of the descending ball properly that paved the way for Cleveland's first score.

Regardless of wind or weather, however, there remained no question in the minds of the fans as to which team played the better ball.

Both the team and individual play of the winners was superior to that of Brooklyn. Cleveland pitched a masterly game and held the opposing batters in check throughout the contest. He was backed by perfect fielding of both in-

field and outfield. Sewell played a remarkable game at short, showing no signs of nervousness such as might have been expected of a youngster thrown into a world's series under the conditions which marked his debut.

Manager Speaker in centerfield proved a barrier beyond which it was almost impossible to drive the ball and made sensational catches far to the right and left of his normal position with abandon which brought cheers even from the most rabid of the home team followers. Catcher O'Neill, with his two timely run-scoring doubles, was the star batsman for the victors.

For Brooklyn the feature individual play of the game was Griffith's wonderful catch of Speaker's terrific drive to right field in the first inning. The ball shot off the bat of the Cleveland manager with a report like the crack of a whip and sailed to the extreme limits of right field. It appeared to be a certain extra base hit but Griffith started back with the crash of the bat and ball and when he reached the retaining wall, sprang high up against the concrete and caught the ball in one hand, fully ten feet above ground while his body was bouncing up and off the wall.

Cleveland batters found Marquard easier to hit than either Mamaux or Cadore. The Indians failed to get a runner on first after the close of the fourth inning, going out in order for the remainder of the game. Manager Robinson of Brooklyn tried every artifice of baseball to turn the defeat into victory in the closing innings, sending two pinch hitters into the game without effect, which explains in part the appearance of three pitchers in the Brooklyn box score.

Coveleskie, however, held his own in every comparison against the three twirlers used by Brooklyn. A comparison of pitchers in the first game of the world's series shows that Coveleskie of Cleveland threw the ball up to the batter only 85 times in nine innings, while the total for his three Brooklyn opponents was 111. Marquard threw 59 times in 6 innings. Mamaux, 26 in 2, and Cadore 6 in 1.

Coveleskie, although yielding the same number of hits as the rival Brooklyn pitchers, was much more than Marquard or Mamaux. Coveleskie threw 24 balls, Marquard 31, Mamaux 9 and Cadore 2, while their respective totals for missed strikes were 27, 21, and 1. The Brooklyn batters fouled off nine pitches for strikes and the Cleveland men 14. Only one foul occurred after the first two innings.

Brooklyn pitchers were on the batter and that was made by J. Johnston of Brooklyn in the first inning.

Cleveland got the jump on Brooklyn by scoring two runs in the second inning. Burns, the first man up, hit a high fly which came down to Konechny who was standing. The wind caught the ball and Konechny juggled a pop forward, then back, then sideways and in the end the ball dropped safely to the ground. It went as a single. Konechny picked up the ball and threw to second to head off Burns, but no one was at the midway to receive the throw. Burns meantime completed the circuit for the first run. After Gardner had been disposed of at first, Wood drew a pass and went to third on Sewell's single to right center. Wood then scored on O'Neill's double down the left field line.

In the fourth inning with one out, Joe Wood doubled to left center and remained at the midway when Sewell fielded Myers. Wood scored on O'Neill's double to right.

Brooklyn's only run came in the seventh when Wheat left off with a double to right. He took third while Myers was being retired at first and scored when Konechny was put out at first, Burns to Coveleskie.

Only six Cleveland men went out on flies, while 11 Brooklyn batters went out by the air route. Each side had 13 men rounding out. Marquard never pitched less than 10 balls an inning and doubtless that number in the second when he became unsteady after Konechny's error. Burns scored. Coveleskie's total of 27 missed strikes was the seventh and eighth innings were 15 each. Marquard had four strike-outs. Coveleskie three and Mamaux three, all of which came in the seventh when he belted Marquard.

Division of the receipts for the game follows. Ten per cent of gross to national commission, \$7,904.90, leaving a balance of \$71,143.10. Of this balance for players' fund, \$42,686.46; 10 per cent to club owners, \$28,456.64. The players' fund is divided 75 per cent to the members of the league and 25 per cent to go into a pool to be divided among the players of the teams which finished second and third in the National and American Leagues.

The Cleveland players have voted a full share of the portion of the receipts to be divided among them. The winners of the "Capman," the shortest who was killed by a pitched ball in a game between Cleveland and New York in this city.

The spectators were slow in filing into the stands and there were many vacant seats when Evans opened the game with an infield out. Later these seats filled. The crowd was not so thick as the enthusiasm compared with preceding world series. Much of the typical noise and rooting was missing and there was little silence of concerted effort to cheer on either team. Spectators who offered both grandstand and bleacher seats at several times their face value, found purchasers and after the first inning were glad to dispose of them for 50 per cent of the original price. The high ground back of the park and the roof of apartment houses in the vicinity were crowded with men and boys but these crowds dwindled as the cold wind and inability of the Brooklyn batters to hit Coveleskie safely, chilled their baseball ardor.

Continued fair and cool weather for tomorrow's game was forecast by the weather bureau tonight.

Cleveland (A) Brooklyn (N)
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